



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application. of :
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Serial No.: 09/980,092) Examiner: A. Hunter
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For: BALL GAME APPARATUS :

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the July 2, 2004, Office Action, please enter this paper in the record.
This paper contains the following parts:

(1) **Amendments to the claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper; and.

(2) **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 5 of this paper.

In view of the amendments and accompanying remarks submitted herewith, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited. In the event that any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

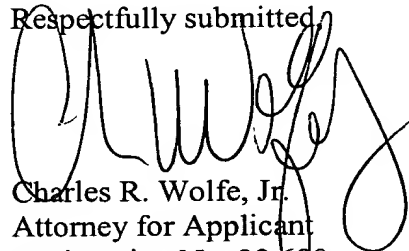
In order to render the filing of this paper timely, filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for a three-months extension of time, together with a check in the amount of \$475 to cover the requisite fee for a small entity. Also filed herewith is a Petition to revive the unintentionally abandoned application, together with the appropriate petition fee.

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time is required to render this submission timely and either is not filed concurrently herewith or does not suffice to render this submission timely, the Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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